

**New Shoreham Deer Task Force  
Tuesday, January 17, 2012  
Town Hall, Old Town Road  
7:00 p.m.**

**Present:** Mary Sue Record, Becky Ballard, Ruth Perfido, Paul Deane, Chris Blane.

Also present were Judy Tierney, Block Island Times, First Warden Kim Gaffett, Heather Sniffen Dr. John Willis and Assistant Clerk, Bonny Ryan to take the minutes.

**Not Present:** Sara McGinness and George Mellor

Meeting was called to order by Mary Sue Record at 7:04 p.m.

**1. Public Input**

Dr. Willis spoke to the group about Monhegan Island.

Heather Sniffen spoke about safety issues.

Both left the meeting after speaking.

**2. Introduction of new members and election of officers.**

Ruth Perfido was introduced.

A motion was made by Chris Blane and seconded by Ruth Perfido to elect Mary Sue Record as chairperson.

Ayes 5 (Record, Ballard, Perfido, Deane, Blane) Nays 0 Absent 2 (McGinnes, Mellor)

A motion was made by Mary Sue Record and seconded by Chris Blane to elect Becky Ballard as vice-chairperson.

Ayes 5 (Record, Ballard, Perfido, Deane, Blane) Nays 0 Absent 2 (McGinnes, Mellor)

A motion was made by Ruth Perfido and seconded by Becky Ballard to elect George Mellor as secretary.

Ayes 5 (Record, Ballard, Perfido, Deane, Blane) Nays 0 Absent 2 (McGinnes, Mellor)

**3. Approval of minutes from December 13, 2011.**

A motion was made by Mary Sue Record and seconded by Becky Ballard to approve the December 13, 2011 minutes as written.

Ayes 4 (Record, Ballard, Deane, Blane) Nays 0 Abstain 1 (Perfido) Absent 2 (McGinnes, Mellor)

**4. Old Business**

- **Status – Block Island Conservancy**

It was mentioned that Block Island Conservancy wanted to know if the safety plan proposed for hunting conservation lands was in writing. Chris Blane and Paul Deane will sit down with Town Manager, Nancy Dodge and put the rules in writing. They will also discuss safety issues that the conservancy has.

- **Status – Fish and Wildlife**

Fish and Wildlife are working on alternative C

- **Status – Black Rock/Rodman's Hollow – no action**

- **Strategy – Area of Focus**

It was decided that the Block Island Conservancy should be focused on.

- **Strategy – How to proceed**

Opening a dialogue with the Nature Conservancy and Fish and Wildlife should be done and then possibly approaching the Land Trust after to show them how hunting on their properties would work.

Ruth Perfido will talk to the lawyer for the Boy Scout's about indemnification.

Mary Sue Record will tackle the Board of Health and look around for other groups to meet with them.

Kim Gaffett is going to Monhegan Island in February and will report on their eradication of deer.

Suggestions for uses for deer meat and sponsoring hunters will be looked into.

- **BIRA – what money is available?**

The money BIRA had set aside for the Transfer Station will take the program through this hunting season. There is no provision to put this in BIRA's budget for next year. Alternate funding will have to be sought.

- **Statistics – tabled until George Mellor returns.**

## **5. New Business**

- **Hunting safety class 2/11-12**

Mention was made of this upcoming class.

## **6. Review of assignments for next meeting**

Assignments were gone over.

At 8:45 p.m. a motion was made to adjourn by Mary Sue Record and seconded by Becky Ballard and voted unanimously.

Minutes accepted

Bonny Ryan